

"Subpart 5—Pain Research Consortium"
"SEC. 485E. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF THE CONSORTIUM."

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of NIH shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, and acting in cooperation with appropriate Institutes and with leading experts in pain research and treatment, establish within the National Institutes of Health, a Pain Research Consortium (hereafter referred to in this subpart as the 'Consortium')."

"(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of the Pain Research Consortium to—

"(1) provide a structure for coordinating pain research activities;

"(2) facilitate communications among Federal and State governmental agencies and private sector organization (including extramural grantees) concerned with pain;

"(3) share information concerning research and related activities being conducted in the area of pain;

"(4) encourage the recruitment and retention of individuals desiring to conduct pain research;

"(5) develop collaborative pain research efforts;

"(6) avoid unnecessary duplication of pain research efforts; and

"(7) achieve a more efficient use of Federal and private sector research funds.

"(c) COMPOSITION.—The Consortium shall be composed of representatives of—

"(1) the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke;

"(2) the National Institute of Drug Abuse; (3) the National Institute of General Medical Sciences;

"(4) the National Institute of Dental Research;

"(5) the National Health, Lung, and Blood Institute;

"(6) the National Cancer Institute;

"(7) the National Institute of Mental Health;

"(8) the National Institute of Nursing Research;

"(9) the National Center for Research Resources;

"(10) the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development;

"(11) the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases;

"(12) the National Institute on Aging;

"(13) pain management practitioners, which may include physicians, psychologists, physical medicine and rehabilitation service representatives (including physical therapists and occupational therapists), nurses, dentists, and chiropractors; and

"(14) patient advocacy groups.

"(d) ACTIVITIES.—The Consortium shall coordinate and support research, training, health information dissemination and related activities with respect to—

"(1) acute pain;

"(2) cancer and HIV-related pain;

"(3) back pain, headache pain, and facial pain; and

"(4) other painful conditions.

"(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

Subtitle E—Repeals and Conforming Amendments

SEC. 641. REPEALS AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) RENAMING OF DIVISION OF RESEARCH RESOURCES.—Section 403(5) (42 U.S.C. 283(5)) is amended by striking "Division of Research Resources" and inserting "National Center for Research Resources".

(b) RENAMING OF NATIONAL CENTER FOR NURSING RESEARCH.—

(1) Section 403(5) (42 U.S.C. 283(5)) is amended by striking "National Center for

Nursing Research" and inserting "National Institute of Nursing Research".

(2) Section 408(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 284c(a)(2)) is amended by striking "National Center for Nursing Research" and inserting "National Institute of Nursing Research".

(c) RENAMING OF CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS.—

(1) Section 406 (42 U.S.C. 284a) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Chief Dental Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs"; and

(B) in subsection (h)(2)(A)(v) by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs," and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(2) Section 424(c)(3)(B)(x) (42 U.S.C. 285b-7(c)(3)(B)(x)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Veterans' Administration" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(3) Section 429(b) (42 U.S.C. 285c-3(b)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Veterans' Administration" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(4) Section 430(b)(2)(A)(i) (42 U.S.C. 285c-4(b)(2)(A)(i)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(5) Section 439(b) (42 U.S.C. 285d-4(b)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(6) Section 452(f)(3)(B)(xi) (42 U.S.C. 285g-4(f)(3)(B)(xi)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(7) Section 466(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 286a(a)(1)(B)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(8) Section 480(b)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 287a(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(b) ADVISORY COUNCILS.—Section 406(h) (42 U.S.C. 284a(h)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1); and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking "(2)(A) The" and inserting "(1) The";

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating clauses (i) through (vi) of paragraph (1) (as so redesignated) as subparagraphs (A) through (F), respectively.

(c) DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISORDERS ADVISORY BOARDS.—Section 430 (42 U.S.C. 285c-4) is repealed.

(d) NATIONAL ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES ADVISORY BOARD.—Section 442 (42 U.S.C. 285d-7) is repealed.

(e) RESEARCH CENTERS REGARDING CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME.—Subpart 6 of part C of title IV (42 U.S.C. 285f et seq.) is amended by redesignating the second section 447 (42 U.S.C. 285f-1) as section 447A.

(f) NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS ADVISORY BOARD.—Section 464D (42 U.S.C. 285m-4) is repealed.

(g) BIOMEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH PERSONNEL STUDY.—Section 489 (42 U.S.C. 288b) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (b); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

(h) NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER ALCOHOL-RELATED PROBLEMS.—Section 18 of the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1979 (42 U.S.C. 4541 note) is repealed.

(i) ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES RESEARCH AND TRAINING.—Section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (5); and

(2) in the last sentence of paragraph (6), by striking "the relevant Federal agencies referred to in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5)" and inserting "relevant Federal agencies".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma, the acting leader.

SETTING THE TIME FOR COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I send to the desk a bill and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2158) to set the time for counting electoral votes.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 2158) was deemed read for a third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2158

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

In carrying out the procedure set forth in section 15 of title 3, United States Code, for 1997, "the 9th day of January" shall be substituted for "the sixth day of January" in the first sentence of such section.

SETTING THE TIME FOR THE CONVENING OF THE 105TH CONGRESS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I send a bill to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2159) to set the time for the convening of the 105th Congress.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 2159) was deemed read for a third time and passed, as follows: